

# ***Willard Park Community Spring-Clean May 1, 2010***



IREF staff, inmate residents, and Willard Park neighbors gather for a photo before dispersing to clean different areas of the neighborhood.

IREF and neighbors from the Willard Park Community joined forces for a day of spring cleaning in the historic, Near-Eastside Indianapolis neighborhood.

Despite the damp air, a heavy overcast of clouds, and the threat of rain and severe weather, the crew of 10 inmate residents, 24 IREF staff and community representatives went out about the community picking up trash and cleaning the streets and alleys, strengthening the bond between inmates and neighbors.

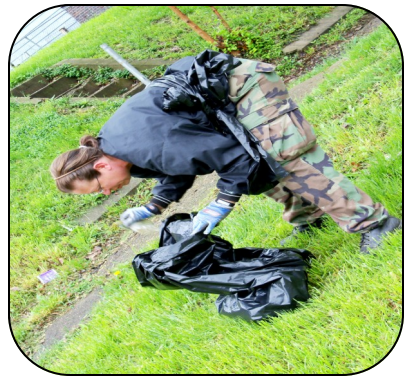




Residents remove a rain-soaked, abandoned sofa and castoffs of an old mattress frame littering an ally-way. Several loads of dilapidated furniture were hauled away to area dumpsters.













***"This clean-up is symbolic of our neighborhood's pride."***



***"This event should give rise to bigger and better achievements."***



***"This coming together is only a prelude to what Wheeler Community and IREF can accomplish together."***

























***“This is an exciting opportunity and an important first step in completing the transition and becoming fully integrated. We look forward to working with IREF in the upkeep of our neighborhood.”***